(e) the retail price of Rifampicin as on 1st April in the years, 1989, 1990 and 1991?

*THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN)*: (a) The installed capacity of Rifampicin in the organised sector is 175 MT and estimated demand is 205 MT during 1991-92.

(b) The Rifampicin manufacturers are (i) M/s. Lupin Labs. Ltd. (ii) Biochem Synergy Ltd and (iii) Themis Chemicals Ltd.,

(c) To the extent information is available the import of Rifampicin during 1988-89 was 11.43 MT.

(d) To the extent information is available, the quantity of Rifampicin produced during the last three years is as under:-

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1988-89 | - | 73.66 MT |
| 2. | 1989-90 | - | 40.13 MT |
| 3. | 1990-91 | - | 87.49 MT |

(e) The Price of rifampicin as on 1st April, 1989, 1990 and 1991 was Rs. 2500/ kg., Rs. 3500/k. and Rs. 3850 kg. respectively.

**Consumer Cooperatives in A.P.**

4344. *SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY*: Will *the PRIME MINISTER* be pleased to state :

(a) the number of consumer co-operatives in urban areas established during the year 1991-92 in Andhra Pradesh and the target for 1992-93;

(b) whether the Nodal Agency, NCDC, has provided margin money to the above co-operatives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Cooperation is a State subject. Information has been called for from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and it is awaited.

(b) to (d). NCDC is providing assistance under Rural Consumer Scheme of Margin Money Assistance on project basis to a lead society having 20-25 link societies. The details of margin money provided by NCDC to co-operatives in Andhra Pradesh is furnished below in Statement.

**STATEMENT**

*Details of funds provided by NCDC under Rural Consumer Scheme during 1991-92*

*(Rs. in Lakhs)*

| | *I. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing margin money assistance to village societies for undertaking distribution of consumer articles in rural areas* | *Amount provided as Margin Money* |
|---|---|---|
| A. | | |
| i) | 18 Village Societies attached to Anantapur Cooperative Central Stores Ltd (Lead Society), Distt. Anantapur. | 2.40* |